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Burma Christian Council Annual Session

July 15th-19th

There has been a feast of good things for the many missionaries, indigenous and foreign, who gathered in Rangoon during the past few days. The meetings of the Council were planned to coincide with the Vazo holidays thus giving many from the districts the chance of meeting their fellow workers in conference. The programme began with a meeting of the Rangoon Christian Workers' Conference at Community Hall on Friday, July 15, when the Rev. R. H. L. Slater spoke on "The Message We Bring to The East" and Ma Nyein Tha, who is the only woman delegate in the Mission of Fellowship soon proceeding to England, spoke on "The Message I Shall Take to The West."

Christian Literature Society's Work.

On Saturday the Annual Tea and Meeting of the Christian Literature Society was held at St. John's College which was also the rendezvous for the Council meetings. An encouraging report of the year's output and sale of literature was presented, and this was followed by a procession of infants each bearing a huge poster representing the cover of one of the new publications. They made an imposing array and was proof positive that Burma can turn out some excellent work in colour.

The *piece de resistance* was a large book on wheels called "Seven Famous Women." These women (little girls from one of the schools) stepped out of the book one by one and disclosed their identity. Florence Nightingale, Pandita Ramabi, Helen Keller, Elizabeth Fry, Clara Cushman, Edith Cavell, Joan of Arc—one of the best things the Society has done in the way of translating. It was very effectively staged too. The Rev. B. M. Jones has been largely responsible for this work for many years. Recently, his time has almost entirely been devoted to it, much to the gratification of the various missionary Societies who benefit in having a growing literature in Burmese for their young people.

On Sunday two public Mass Meetings were held; one at St. John's College where the addresses were in Burmese and the other at the Methodist Indian Church where addresses were given in Tamil and Telegu. The work of the Burma Christian Council was the subject in many of the Churches on that day. This Council was brought into being about 20 years ago as the result of a visit of Dr. John R. Mott after the Edinburgh Conference on Unity. The progress of unity in Burma has been considerable especially during

the past few years and although there is a long road ahead there is cause for thankfulness for what has been achieved.

The Bishop of Rangoon's Paper

The Council meetings began on Monday morning with a message from Dr. Stanley Jones whose visit to the Far East has enabled us to have the privilege of his presence and fellowship with us during these days of conference. This was followed with a paper by the Bishop of Rangoon on "The Kingdom of God in the Teachings of Jesus." The Bishop traced the idea of the Kingdom of God from Old Testament times to the Kingdom as visualised by Jesus Christ, emphasising especially the desirability of unity. How can the Kingdom of God come in Burma when the Church is torn by divisions? As well expect a man broken in body to perform a great physical task.

Later in the day Ma Nyein Tha and the Rev. W. M. Young, Superintendent of the Wesleyan Mission, Mandalay, and who was also this year's Chairman of the Conference, presented statements on the progress of the Kingdom of God in Burma. Ma Nyein Tha's point was that the Kingdom could only progress as individuals progressed and pleaded for a deepening of Christian life and experience. Mr. Young recounted some of the things which were indicative of growth and development of character in Burma. There has been an increase in depth of worship, there has been growth in Christian character and a greater willingness to provide financial support. He did not think there had been so much progress in evangelistic zeal or in the spirit of brotherhood.

On the second day consideration was given to the Kingdom of God in Village and City. Ma Hannah

told of the work that had been carried on in the villages during the past year—vacation or holiday schools for the children in the villages, where in addition to songs, games, etc., the Bible had been taught in a new and attractive way. Many students had also gone out from the A. B. M. Agricultural School at Pinyinmana to help the villages to a new conception of village life and progress.

Needs of the City.

Dr. Eden in a fascinating paper brought before us the needs of the City. What is a City? The arteries through which the life stream flows the place where Dives and Lazarus live. The place where 1,000 people live on land they have never seen. Where people live in the same block and do not know they have a neighbour. The place where a man is lonely in the midst of a crowd. In all this life God is working for the building of a new order, a New Jerusalem, a City of God. It is the duty and privilege of the Church to co-operate with Him in the building.

The closing papers were given by Dr. H. Marshall and the Rev. Peter Kin Maung on "The Servants of the Kingdom and Their Equipment for Service." Dr. Marshall emphasized the need for the right kind of training, but most important was the training of the spirit in fellowship with God. There are resources in Christ which can make preachers and teachers effective.

The Rev. Kin Maung spoke of the necessity of a life of self-sacrifice and the struggle to overcome evil. We are facing great problems and we can only make progress as we are in touch with power from on High.

Extracts from Reports of Committees

A special committee with the Bishop of Rangoon as Chairman has considered the implications of the

Lindsay Report on "Higher Education in India and have made some valuable recommendations for co-operation between Judson College and the Christian Churches throughout Burma especially along lines of research and extension.

The Rural Reconstruction Committee was able to report considerable progress both in the new S. P. G. Rural Centre at Chaungwya, near Wakema, and at Pinyinmana where they had launched out in extension lectures by members of Government Departments such as Veterinary and Public Health, etc. Other experiments were also being made at Pegu and Thongwa.

The Burma for Christ Committee presented a lengthy report on the work of the past year and made suggestions for the future. A change of name of the movement to "The Kingdom of God Movement for Burma" was adopted. It was felt that the new name would more clearly signify the breadth of the movement as contained in the original statement and would be more acceptable to those whom we seek to serve in Burma. Moreover it would bring it into line with similar movements in India and Japan.

Sweepstakes and Lotteries.

The Public Questions Committee drew attention to the recent newspaper correspondence on Sweepstakes and Lotteries and after discussion the following resolution was passed:

Believing that gambling is a growing evil productive of every social vice including the increase of crime, and is injurious to the welfare of the whole community, be it resolved that we as a Christian body put ourselves on record against lotteries and sweepstakes. Especially do we deprecate attempts to distribute lottery tickets amongst students and school children.

Mention was also made of the change in the Opium Laws and the opening of the registers to new addicts. Also to the agitation for

the re-establishment of a segregated area and the Bishop's fearless and able defence of abolition.

The question of Housing for the Labourers was referred to and the urgent need to provide accommodation for the sick and suffering poor, as well as a suitable home and work-house for beggars.

At the closing meeting Dr. C. E. Chaney was elected President for the next year, and Mr. G. D. Josif was re-elected as Hon. Secretary with acclamation. A vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring chairman and to the authorities of St. John's College for their kindness in placing the Hall at the disposal of the Council.

Altogether it was one of the best conferences the Council has held. The numbers present, the atmosphere created by the music of the choirs, the helpful messages of Dr. Stanley Jones, the deep spiritual tone of many of the papers and above all the consciousness of the Presence of God gave those present a new courage and inspiration for the task ahead, even in these days of discouragement, and depression.

W. B. H.



Bereavement

Word has just come of the death of Mr. Condict's father on July 31. It is a special comfort at such times if there are Burma friends who know the loved one. For several years the Moneys were in our church in Trenton. Mrs. Money was the much beloved leader of the Womens' Bible Class. It is also Miss Whitehead's home church.

Some of you have known that Mr. Condict has not been well, and it was almost decided that he must leave his work for a while. Suddenly, a few days ago, there came a change, and he has continued to gain. No doubt many at home prayed for him especially the last few days.

Isabel A. Condict.

"Culture implies all which gives a mind possession of its powers."

—Emerson.

Annual Meeting of the Rangoon City Mission

The Annual Rally of the Baptist City Mission Society of Rangoon was held Sunday afternoon, 10th July, in the Vinton Memorial Hall, Ahlone, under the chairmanship of Mr. Y. Judson. After singing "To the Work" and prayer by Pastor C. N. Chan, of the Chinese Church, officers were elected for the ensuing year; President, Saya U Ba, Headmaster of Cushing High School; Vice-President, Mr. Sherrad of Immanuel Church; Secretary, Mrs. W. B. Campbell; Treasurer, Mr. J. B. Money.

The address in Telugu was delivered by Mr. Wali Mohamed. The familiar story of the conversion of U Naw was given in Burmese by pupils of the Kemmendine Girls' School, followed by an address in English by Mr. J. R. Andrus, Lecturer in Economics at Judson College. Members of the Bethel Indian Church gave a musical number, vocal and instrumental, while the address in Karen was by Thra Maung Bu, of Insein. The Karen Seminary Quartette gave a song in English, and Mr. W. B. Johns the Tamil address. The story of Ko Tha Byu, first Karen convert, was given in tableau form by the Pegu Karen High School. U Ba, the new president, spoke in Burmese, so that all the main language groups were represented. The hymn "O Master let me walk with Thee" was sung, and the meeting was closed with benediction by Dr. F. E. Eden, pastor of Immanuel Church and former president of the Society.

The mixed congregation which gathered and filled the large building was an indication of the varied races among which work has been done in this city, and still remains to be done. The Society endeavours to act as a unifying force for initiating and carrying on work among these various races. Messrs. T. B. and A.

Joseph, Mr. Chan, and Mr. Johns are aided in their work by the organization, as is also the East Rangoon Indian Association. In spite of the depression, the work has been greatly blessed this year, and the accounts are closed with a balance, which has justified the opening of important new work. In co-operation with the Lanmadaw Baptist Church, Saya P. Baw has been engaged to begin work among our Burmese friends.

The Society receives an appropriation of Rs. 540 annually, with personal subscriptions and contributions from the Rally Days and the Kemmendine Girls' School. Keep up the good work.

Ruth Campbell



Judson College Enrolment

This year our total enrolment 283, of whom 94 are girls. The following figures show the racial and religious groups.

Race	No.	% of Total
Burmese	104	37
Karen	77	27
Indian	39	14
Anglo-Indian	30	10.5
Chinese	21	7
Others	12	4
Religion	No.	% of Total
Christian	165	58
Buddhist	80	29
Hindu	28	10
Mohammedan	7	2
Others	3	1

P. R. Meade



An Omission.

In the recent list of Missionaries of the Burma Mission, we regret the names of Rev. A. C. Hanna and Mrs. Hanna were omitted. They should be placed under Group I Upper Burma.

R. J. Journe



A Century of Service.

This year marks the centennial of the arrival in Burma of the first iron printing press which was brought to our Mission Press at Moulmein in 1832 by Mr. O. T. Cutter. Previous to this date the printing presses used in Burma apparently had wooden frames.

For many years this press performed its part in the production of religious literature then, for some reason unknown, was sold. During the early years of Mr. F. D. Phinney's superintendency of the press, the press was re-purchased and for a number of years continued in service as a part of the printing plant.

When the period of its usefulness as a press came to an end it was dismantled and the bed and platen

were converted into surfaces of small imposing tables for use in the press room. These portions of the first iron press are still being used as imposing tables in our press room and thus have completed a century of service in Burma. There is every indication that they will continue as a useful part of the plant for many years to come.

The accompanying block is a facsimile of the original brass plate which accompanied the press to Burma. This plate, suitably framed, now hangs in the superintendent's office of the Mission Press. Oliver Street Baptist Church may well be proud of its lasting contribution to the religious publication work in Burma.

Teachers' Vacation School

Plans are in the making for a Teachers' Vacation School to be held at Judson College October 11 to 18. This school of methods is being arranged by the Committee of Research and Extension of the Burma Christian Council. Full announcement of the arrangements will be made in the next issue of the News.

P. J. Braisted,
R. H. L. Slater,
Joint Secretaries.

A Gentle Plea

We are always looking for good articles for the Baptist Missionary Review of India. Write up your striking experiences or ideas, and share them with those across the Bay.
Ruth Campbell.



"Conscience is harder than our enemies,
Knows more, accuses with more nicety,
Nor needs to question Rumour if we fall
Below the perfect model of our thought."

—George Eliot.

Dr. Robbins' Itinerary.

I am presenting the tentative program for Dr. Robbins' coming tour of Mission Stations and Institutions. It is not yet known whether or not Dr. Padelford will come to make a special study of our educational problems, but if we get word that he is coming we shall have to arrange another tentative program for his time.

The present tentative program makes no provision for visiting Kengtung, Loimwe, Bana, Meng Meng, Bhamo, Myitkyina and Sandoway. Unless it can be arranged for Dr. Robbins to travel overland from Assam to the Chin Hills, Upper Burma, it may be necessary to omit that part of our Mission Field also.

On past visits there have always been those who have deeply regretted that some stations have been omitted from Dr. Robbins' tours. This time we are arranging for Dr. Robbins to visit nearly every station and make a detailed study of each field in company with the missionary in charge. Our emphasis is definitely on the "study" phase of the tour. In general it is planned that the Station Missionary will have at least half a day in which to personally present his field and its needs in detail and as a whole. There should also be a group meeting with the indigenous leaders of each field for another half day, in which to study your local conditions and needs together. In preparation for this visit and so as to make the most of the opportunity, each station missionary needs to make a careful study of the field and how best to present all phases of the work in the most convincing way possible. Maps, statistics a clear outline of the organized work, future needs and programs, etc. are some of the ways of doing this. The Field Secretary's Office is going to get out some of the materials needed, so far as it has been sent in to this office in the form of

annual reports. But many of these reports have never been sent in and also much material is lacking in some of those that have been sent in. We shall be compelled after we have filled out as much as we can, to send the forms to you to be completed. We shall do everything we can to assist you to present your local conditions, needs, and programs in the fullest, clearest and most convincing way possible, but in the last analysis the responsibility for doing this rests with the local missionary in charge and any failure to make the most of this opportunity to study the field with the Foreign Secretary as your pupil, must rest with the Station Missionary. These studies may exert a far-reaching influence in the coming Conference and the decisions made at that time.

There will also be opportunity for those in charge of Institutions to present the work of their Institution directly to Dr. Robbins. Time is being allowed for larger group meetings and conferences, such as Burman Work, Karen Work, Educational Work, etc., after visitation of the Mission Stations with the detailed study made of them, and before Conference meets. Provision is also being made to get Dr. Robbins into actual jungle work along with his visitation of Stations.

We purpose to put into Dr. Robbins' hands considerable of this factual material to review enroute to your station, to assist him to a more intimate acquaintance with your work, so that he will be prepared on arrival to enter into your local conferences intelligently. If we all cooperate to make this a tour of *real fact finding*, and place in Dr. Robbins' hands concise, well-organized material, clearly presented, we can be certain that he will return to America, educated to a degree concerning our

Burma Mission that no Foreign Secretary has ever been before, and he will have a vast amount of material in hand with which to present the needs, opportunities and responsibilities of the Burma Mission to the Boards, and also to the home constituency in a manner such as he has never been able to before. We solicit your personal interest, cooperation and prayers for God's guidance and blessing. We all have but one major interest in this coming visit, namely, that we may all together find God's will and way for carrying on the work of His Kingdom in Burma.

Tenative Schedule for Dr. Robbins' Visit.

Day
Oct. 11 Arrive Rangoon.
12-13 Preliminaries.
14-15 Pegu and villages.
16 Pegu General.
17-18 Rangoon—Committees.
19-21 Reference Committee.
21 Night train Henzada.
22-23 Convention.
24 Henzada Burman field study.
25 Henzada Karen field study.
26 Train to Bassein.
27 Pwo Karen field study.
28 Sgaw Karen field study.
29 Burman field study.
30 General.
31 To Maubin with the two.
Nov. 2 Mission launches visiting jungle villages enroute; also Myaungmya and Wakema.
3 Maubin field study.
4 To Pyapon by Mission launch Pyapon afternoon only.
5 Launch to Rangoon.
6 Rangoon—Judson College and Immanuel churches.
8 Motor to Thonze.
9 Thonze and villages.
10 Tharrawaddy.
11 Motor to Zigon and village. and Prome.
12 Prome field study.
13 Prome—general.
14 Motor to Allanmyo and Thayetmyo.
15-16 Thayetmyo field.
17 Motor to Rangoon.
18 Meet Karen group.
19 Meet Burman group.
20 Rangoon General.
21 Motor to Nyaunglebin.

22 Nyaunglebin and villages.
23 To Shwegyin.
24 Shwegyin and villages.
25 Return to Nyaunglebin and motor to Toungoo.
26 Paku field study.
27 General.
28 Burman field study.
29 Bwe field study.
30 Visit villages.
Dec. 1 Motor to Meiktila.
2 Meiktila field study.
3 Motor to Taunggyi.
4 General.
5 Taunggyi field study.
6 Motor to Loilem and field.
7 Motor to Mongai and field.
Dec. 8 Back to Taunggyi.
9 Motor to Pyinmana.
10-12 Pyinmana field and Agriculture School study.
13 Motor to Rangoon.
14-15 Rangoon.
15 Night train to Moulmein.
16 Indian and Talaing study.
17 Burman field study.
18 General.
19 Karen field study.
20 Institutions, etc.
21 To Ye.
22 Ye to Tavoy by motor.
23 Tavoy Karen field study.
24 Burman field study.
25 Christmas Day.
26 General and rest.
27-28 Tavoy to Ye and Moulmein. To Rangoon by rail unless possible to catch "Juna" direct to Rangoon.
29 Arrive Rangoon.
30-31 Education Commission. Conference with selected group.
Jan. 1 Rest Day.
2 Property Committee in morning. Afternoon and evening College Trustees.
3 Morning, Burman Joint Committee. Afternoon Karen Joint Committee.
4-5-6 Reference Committee.
8 Rest.
9 Prepare to sail.
Sail for Calcutta.
Feb. 25 Leave Assam for Tiddim.
Mar. 3 Arrive Tiddim.
6-14 Hill travel.
14-17 River travel.
17 Myingyan field study.
18 Rail to Mandalay.
19 General.
20 Mandalay field study.
21 Sagaing field study.
22-23 Motor via Maymyo to Namkham.

24-28 Conferences of half day each with Elders from Myitkyina, Bhamo, Namkham fields and half day general. Half day Namkham Shan and half day combined work.

29-30 Motor to Maymyo.

31- 1 Rest.

Aprl. 1- 8 Conference.

9-11 Reference Committee.

12 Leave for Rangoon.

13 In Rangoon preparing to sail.

14 Sail for Madras.

Field Secretary.



Pyinmana Workers' Institute

September 20 to 30, 1932

Inspiration and Power must be caught rather than taught. Send your Workers and help them catch it.

Program

1. Bible Study: "God Working through the Geography of Palestine" by Rev. A. C. Hanna who recently visited Palestine.

2. "Useful Ways of Evangelizing Villages" by Rev. E. C. Condict. Mr. Condict has also promised to give some instruction to preachers on pulling teeth.

3. "Help for Villages through Agriculture and Government Agencies" by officers of various Government Departments and the Staff of the Pyinmana Agricultural School.

4. "Preaching and Story Telling Methods and Practice." led by Rev. B. C. Case. Each worker is asked to bring a sermon or story outline to give.

5. "Christian Work for Women and for Children" by Ma Me Si of Cushing High School, Rangoon, and Ma Hanna Daily Vacation Bible School Secretary.

6. "Experiences in Village Uplift and Health" by visitors.

Opportunities will be given to take part in bazaar preaching and other evangelistic work. The agricultural practices carried on at the school farm will be explained and seen. The total expense for 11 days here will be Rs. 5 or 8 annas a day for shorter periods. When arriving ask for "Saik-Pyo-Kyaung," Tatpo Quarter.

Brayton C. Case.

"Character is the ground of trust and the guarantee for good living, and that character only is sound which rests upon a good conscience and a clean heart and a strong will."

—Dr. John Watson.

"Friendly Evangelism" Week at Immanuel

Reports coming in from our Week of Friendly Evangelism reveal many causes for gratitude. "We have had a grand time calling on people, please give us more names," said some of the workers. The reports are not complete as yet, and some of the workers will want to carry on a little longer, but the cards in tell of happy greetings, reconsecrated interest, vows renewed, all of which means larger service for our Master. We are sincerely grateful to our splendid group of volunteer workers, forty of them, who laboured so loyally at the glorious job, and we heartily appreciate the prayers of our friends for this effort. The results cannot be measured in figures; they will show in reconsecrated lives, decisions for Christ, and deeper fellowship in our work together. We feel that the effort was thoroughly worth while, and as one of the methods of work used by our Lord, has lent itself freely as a medium for His blessing and an incentive for larger usefulness in the Kingdom enterprise. Plans are now being effected to conserve the fruits of this effort in a more permanent field of endeavor. Again, we thank our friends who shared the effort with us. Please remember our special meetings at the High School in August.

Frank Ernest Eden.



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100 Boxes Ellams Superior Typewriting Carbon Paper in Purple or Black Foolscap size, 100 sheets to a box. Usually Rs. 6/8 now clearing at Rs. 3/8. Quite fresh stock and in excellent condition.

What Makes a House?

At last we are in the new bungalow and are almost ready to live in it automatically. In other words, we are almost used to it. The way to enjoy a modern house is to live in an ancient chapel with a tin roof for awhile. We are open for inspection now, although there are some hooks and shelves to put up and pictures to hang. The masons and carpenters will get away next week with everything done I can think of.

The house contains 85,000 bricks, contains 3,700 cu. ft. of reinforced cement and 25 tons of timber. It has an infant railroad in the foundation, or should I call it an "underground railroad?" It is tied together with iron rods and beams and expanded metal in the cement in all directions. The pillars were built hollow and filled with cement and iron rods down to 2 ft. below the top of the foundation. The roof has scarcely a nail in it. The timbers are all bolted together, criss-cross and over and back and up and down, and on the slant. The roof itself is screwed on and the caps bolted. The roof and timbers weigh 15 tons, including the water tanks full of water.

The whole house weighs about 350—400 tons, and covers an area of approximately 3,000 sq. ft. which figures out about 2 lbs. or less per square inch. It is about the same as a 200 lb. man standing on one foot in No. 13 shoes.

The mortar is cement and sand 1:3. The concrete is cement, sand and gravel in the ratio of 1:2:4. The plaster is cement, lime and sand in the following proportions:—1.1:6. All the timber but two pieces is teak.

I've had a course in construction and I think the masons and carpenters feel likewise. I've taught

folks masonry, and carpentry and plumbing and coolie work of all descriptions. But I don't want to build any more houses. We appreciate the house and praise God for the anonymous donor. Yet as we see ourselves surrounded by all sorts of houses from bamboo huts up, it makes us very humble and full of questionings.

You will observe that this is not a house-party, but a house-letter, and I'll let it go at that. Next month I'll give you another phase of our work.

J. T. Latta.



Sandoway

Some of you have had Sandoway Statements I and II, but others may wish to know how I am agreeing with Sandoway.

Too much wind, too much rain, too many leaky roofs; not c'ten enough mail, not enough bazaar, not enough neighbors; beautiful scenery, lovely people, small school but plenty of work, is my summary.

This is a field of wonderful opportunities and I long for the workers to be more alive to them. I spoke to one of the teachers about a Prayer Band. He eagerly inquired about it and found it was just what he was longing for. He at once began talking it up and though he met with little response, just before time for the first meeting, three of the Government High School boys told him they wished to come. Seven of us met on my veranda last Sunday. Today, without any invitations, there were 14 present. Pray with me that this group may grow in Christlikeness and surrender themselves fully to His Power.

Stella T. Ragon.

"If a man has nothing to reproach himself with, he can bear anything."

—Phillips Brooks.

Report on the Judson College Building Scheme

The Rangoon University Building Trust has held its last meeting and has voted to disband. Except for a very few minor affairs its work is finished. In accordance with law, the trust has voted to transfer its responsibilities, assets and liabilities to the University.

Judson College, for the working out of its scheme, had allotted to it in the Judson Fund, the sum of \$500,000 to pay its one-half cost. Of this the major part was forwarded to the college by the Foreign Society to be advanced to the trust. When this was paid over to Judson College together with small amounts of interest which accrued while sums were temporarily deposited in Rangoon banks by the Mission Treasurer, it amounted to Rs. 12,94,317-13-3. The trust being delayed in carrying out its work, certain sums were forwarded to the college before actually required by the trust and so being put at interest by the college, Rs. 1,542-6-0 were added to the total.

Judson College paid to the trust the sum of Rs. 12,58,548-3-3. Of this the trust has returned to the College the sum of Rs. 24,881-5-7. The Mission agreed to extra expenditure in Benton Hall for expanded metal protection, improvement of floors, furniture, etc. to the amount of Rs. 31,943-11-6. The trust finally allotted Rs. 1,043-1-4 to pay the one-half cost of the expanded metal on the ground floor, and this was paid over to the college at settlement together with the Rs. 24,881-5-7.

It was expected that the trust would provide all of the covered ways. But when the time came to arrange for ways between the class buildings and the hostels, retrenchment was necessary and Govern-

ment felt unable to have a part in them. The residence for the religious worker is wholly a mission project as is the chapel. The residence complete together with servants' quarters will cost Rs. 27,823-0-0. The covered ways are 829 ft. in total length and will cost Rs. 17,823-8-0. The new gates were put up at a cost of Rs. 2,790-0-0. The two original dwellings have been remodelled at a cost of Rs. 4,960-0-0.

At first the trust estimated an expenditure of Rs. 46,000-0-0 on furniture for the arts departments and offices. With this prospect for payment, the library was equipped with steel cubicles and shelves; the best chairs were obtained for the Assembly Hall and four theatres; plate glass black boards were provided; suitable teachers' desks were obtained and terraces were constructed for the theatres. Then the trust decided to allow only Rs. 26,000-0-0 for these items since University College was satisfied to get on with the library furniture which it had in use and also the furniture for its Assembly Hall. Though the total spent for these items fell far short of the estimated Rs. 46,000-0-0 it considerably exceeded the Rs. 26,000-0-0.

It will be remembered that the initial scheme of the architect which located the class buildings on what is now University Avenue was adopted and then at a later date rejected. For this extra work the architect agreed to settle at Rs. 40,000-0-0. Of that amount Rs. 6,898-4-0 was allotted to Judson College and the expense was divided between the College building scheme and the chapel. The chapel fund paid Rs. 1,535-8-0 and the general building fund paid Rs. 5,362-12-0.

Wallace St. John.

Filming a Feline

"La ma cheh! The leopard is not here!" came a cry from below. Our hearts sank within us, for had not the whole mission household hastened away from an early morning wedding feast in the village, and hurried a half hour's ride through the jungles with the expectation of Mr. Leopard's being there?

But the boy was refering to a baby leopard, whose tracks had been seen; and the adult leopard—which had killed the silversmith's calf two nights before, and which Vincent had trapped for so carefully the following morning—was awaiting us. Vincent had returned from the trapping with such confidence that we had decided to take pictures when, or if, the leopard was caught. Then, Harold and Vincent had made a preliminary trip to the traps, and had brought back a report of success.

We felt as brave and bold as the Johnsons in Africa as we approached the killer. Of course, our wild beast was in a trap, but we could not be certain that the trap would hold. Harold, Vincent, and two teachers held guns; Ruth was in charge of the movie camera; I was superfulous, but held a hand on the revolver at my side in case the superfulous should be needed.

The boys began to clear away intervening trees and bushes, so we could see our captive more clearly. With a vicious snarl he sprang toward us. Someone screamed:

"Look out! He's pulled the stake! Run!"

Ruth and I were rushed part way up the hill, while the men waited with levelled weapons for an attack. Nothing happened, however, and it soon became evident that the warning had been unjustified. I returned to the front line of offense, and called to Ruth to follow.

Again, with an angry roar the leopard sprang toward us. For one

terrible moment I pictured the awfulness of the catastrophe if he should pull loose. Would the men have time to shoot before he would be upon us? A shiver of horror traced the length of my spinal column—but trap and stake held fast.

Vincent prepared to lasso the captive, and Ruth prepared to record the process with her camera. I stood by, hand on revolver, an adviser and defender of doubtful merit.

"Ready now! Vincent's going to try the lasso? Camera ready? There! Take it! Take it!.....Wasn't that great!"

As the lasso had settled over the mammoth head, the leopard had made another lunge, and one sweep of the heavy paw carried the noose between sharp teeth. The rope snapped.

A second and third try netted the same results, but Ruth was getting some splendid pictures. A fourth attempt at first appeared another failure, but with the aid of a long pole, the rope slipped clear of the treacherous jaws and tightened around the great neck. The rope was pulled taut, and the leopard was dragged quickly forward to his death.

Of course, we had to take a few pictures of ourselves gloating over the kill, some more pictures of the homeward journey, and also of that interesting process whereby leopard hides become parlor rugs and ladies' fur coats. We hope those pictures will be good, especially the scenes of the big cat in action.

Vera Gibbs Young.



Reply Early.

As the Convention is to be held in Henzada during October, we shall be pleased if you will kindly let us know as soon as possible if you are expecting to attend.

All are cordially invited.

A. C. Phelps.

Recent Publications

The following books have recently been issued and are now on sale at the A. B. M. Press:—

"IVAN THE FOOL" (TOLSTOY) IN BURMESE—published for C. L. S.—Sixty-eight pages, with two-colour cover. As. 4.

"CONCORDANCE OF THE NEW TESTAMENT" IN BURMESE—prepared by Rev. and Mrs. W. H. S. Hascall—In two volumes, totalling 1424 pages; bound in full country leather. Rs. 10 per set.

"THE STORY OF THE BIBLE," IN SGAW KAREN—A reset edition, bound in either rexine or black leather. Rexine, Rs. 2-4; leather, Rs. 2-8.



The Hascall Concordance to the Burmese New Testament, Two Volumes. 1424 pages. Price Rs. 10.

The Rev. W. H. S. Hascall began the preparation of this work, with the approval of the late Mr. F. D. Phinney, in 1918, after his retirement to the U. S. A. Mrs. Hascall worked with him until her death. Mr. Hascall completed it alone, and sent out the copy, consisting of about 12,000 cards, in 1925. Toward the end of 1926 the Press began the task of printing it, but it was laid aside for about two years, while the 1930 edition of Judson's Burmese Bible was being printed. Mr. Hascall died in April 1927, but had the satisfaction of seeing a copy of the first pages.

The Concordance, which covers the revised New Testament also, is now finished and is for sale at the Press. An edition of 500 has been printed, and though Rs. 10 may seem a big price to many who should own it, yet were the whole edition sold at that price, not a quarter of the original outlay by the Press would be recovered.

It is hoped that not only the Seminaries and Bible Schools will purchase copies, but Station Schools as well, and that all teachers and students of the Bible, as well as preachers, be taught *how to use it* and be encouraged to do so.

H. Phinney.



August Salary Rates

The salary rate of exchange for August will be 299 for the missionaries of the General Board and 332 for those of the Women's Board.

Olive A. Hastings,

Mission Treasurer.

Religious Education Committee

The Religious Education Committee announce the new courses in Bible Study, which are now ready for distribution. The courses available include, Kindergarten, and Standards I, II, and III. Standard IV will be ready in a short time. These courses have already been adopted in several of our A. B. M. Schools, and we hope that they will commend themselves generally. The outlines are at present in mimeograph form and will later be made more permanent. They can be secured from the Director of Religious Work, Judson College, University P. O., Rangoon. In order to cover the cost of mimeographing we are asking annas four per set of outline courses.

P. J. Braisted.



Chinese Work

Reports from Myingyan tell of continued interest among the Chinese Christians there. The meetings are well attended and there are several on the enquirer's list. The work here in Mandalay drags along at the pace of a snail and the outlook is not at all bright. The preacher seems to get around visiting the people, but they don't come to hear him preach. I do not understand Chinese so cannot judge the quality of the sermons. Saya E Hwe comes from Myingyan once a month for the Communion services and a few more come out at that time. It seems that the work among the children, however is progressing and the Sunday school is on the increase. Pray that the hearts of the people may be opened to the indwelling of the Spirit of Righteousness.

H. E. Hinton.

Recent Shwegyin Floods Cause Great Distress

You have probably heard rumours of the flood over here. It has been dreadful. We could only sit here on our side of the river and watch the houses go down on the other side. Fortunately most everyone right across from us was able to get out of their houses and move back before the houses fell. People are coming down from above us and telling us that whole villages are gone. There have been big land slides up in the mountains that we can see from here.

There has not been very many houses lost in Shwegyin town but in a radius of three miles around we have learned that about 150 houses have gone. Yesterday and the day before, we gave out food for about 445 people. These have come in from all around us. I think most of the people in the town have been helped. They have divided the town and the territory in the immediate vicinity and it is under different heads. We are doing our best to meet the immediate needs but we can only give enough food for a few meals to each family. If other agencies do not come with help some of these folks will surely starve before the new crop of paddy is ready. All their granaries were swept away. No paddy for replanting is available as far as we know.

We have bought four bags of rice and the Karens have sent in some, and we will likely ask them again. If there are any others in Burma who can help any, we will be glad. We do not want large amounts for I feel sure the Government will lend a hand but we must meet the immediate needs until the wheels of office get started.

Alice Klein.

Kelly High School

The enrolment of students has gone beyond our attendance last year, by 2 pupils. The high department now numbers 160 so that there are two divisions of each of the high school classes. The School Committee is taking a serious interest in the working of the school and there is every prospect of a good year ahead. The Christian students' roll has been slightly cut over last year, but the coming in of several older Kachin Christians has helped, especially in the matter of the choir. Much satisfaction is expressed over the programmes now in use in the chapel service. In order to have more time free for this service, it has been changed from the morning period to the last period in the afternoon. An advantage is the opportunity to use some of our noble evening songs. Several of the boys have asked for copies of the Bible lately and many are attending the Sunday services voluntarily. Monthly tests are a cause of the better application to studies apparent throughout the classes and especially in the high department.

H. E. Hinton.



Burmese Evangelistic

Saya Charlie passed away in April and although the notice was published in the News and in the Tamansa, we have only had one application for the post left vacant and the applicant's missionary would not release him to come here. There must be a scarcity of Burmese preachers. Our new station committee has recently been re-organized and have had one meeting. There is a good interest for advancing the work. The big question seems to be how to do it. Services in the Mandalay Church are well attended and much ap-

preciation has been expressed for the efforts of certain members toward the enrichment of the worship period. The prayer meetings have been striking a deep spiritual note and those who have attended find a real source of help each week. The teachers and Christian students of Kelly together with certain teachers from the girls' school have done much in this particular.

H. E. Hinton.



Progress and Possibility

Things have centered around Thazi this month. Saya Po Lu has baptized nine persons in the Thazi lake. One, the daughter of a Myook (deceased) was married to a Christian Railway employee a week after her baptism. The family has long been known to us and we hope that other members of it will now come out for Christ.

The chapel which was built as an emergency measure when the rent was unexpectedly imposed 3 years ago was never completed, the rent on the school building having been reduced within reason. It is high time, now, that it should be completed, the first floor to be of solid brick. It is hoped to use it as a guest house for traveling Baptists, so long as we have the use of the present Government Buildings. Many Baptists have stopovers in Thazi and we feel it a worthy cause for the contributions of those interested. Our Christian expert gymnast, who gave an exhibition at Meiktila last month, will give a similar exhibition at Thazi, the proceeds to go towards the general up-keep of the school which has been somewhat hard hit by the hard times. The completion of the chapel will cost about Rs. 500-0-0. Two donors have already given Rs. 75-0-0.

Howard E. Dudley.

Evangelism at Mandalay

For several years I have been praying and planning that we might have one worker here at Thayeze who knows English and for whom the doors to such a vast store of material as is written for use in community center work might be open. She has come. She was for several years a teacher in the girls' school here. Our first step has been the opening of a public play-ground three nights a week. Not only do our school children come but the number of outside children is increasing continually. Most of us go out and have a good frolic with the children. At the close of each hour we gather in a big circle and have a brief "sing" before going home. Since the play-ground has started, we have had several new school pupils and the Sunday-School has grown especially. Now we are erecting a bamboo shed as a protection from the sun. It is still very hot at 5.30 p.m. when we begin. The mothers too come to watch the fun, and some of them help in turning the jumping rope.

Openings have come for conducting several Bible classes in the city. We have a small class in the south of the city. One of the members wants to go to the Woman's Bible School as soon as she is ready. Another class is beginning in the Fort among the soldiers' wives. This meets under a tree. Its members are Karens and Kachins. Then there is the beginning of another class in our own quarters. It consists of one member just now.

The class in the Fort is the result of an outside Sunday-School which was started there about eight months ago. And the Sunday-School is the result of a vision which one of our Bible women got at the annual workers' conference at Pinyinmana last year. Invitation has come for the opening of another outside Sunday-School in the eastern part of the city. Doors are opening for us in many places.

Our hearts in Mandalay have been saddened by the loss of Daw Thaw. She was called Home on July 23. Her life of service will always remain for me an inspiration to more and more devoted service for Him. She has been a real friend to me ever since I came to Burma. She, "being dead, yet speaketh."

Our group of workers here are reading together Dr. Trumbell's book, "Taking Men Alive" and are finding it most suggestive and helpful. We often spend an hour in the middle of the day doing this when there is no call to go elsewhere.

We have been glad that one of the members of our Thaye family has felt the call to go into the ministry. He is the younger brother of our nurse. He has been a teacher in three of our vacation Bible schools here in Mandalay district and his interest in Christian work has grown as a result of that.

Marian H. Reifsneider.



Mandalay Indian Work

It often happens that a commercial firm does us a good turn. A large firm in Rangoon little dreamed lately that it was doing me a favour when it laid off some of its clerks, among them a young 10th standard Telugu Christian. He came to Mandalay and I found him visiting among the Telugu Christians and when I learned that he had a good record and that he had studied in a Bible school in India for a time, I offered him the position as preacher to the Telugus at a salary less than half the amount he was getting before. He went home and prayed about it and came back, took up the work, and we now have excellently attended meetings and some four or five applicants for baptism. The outlook is bright and I am praying that we may continue the good work without financial embarrassment.

H. E. Hinton.

Evangelist Wanted

My dear Fellow-Missionaries:

I am in urgent need of a suitable man to take charge of a Preaching-Zayat. Three times I have been disappointed in efforts and expectations to secure the services of a qualified man for the post, and now I turn to you for assistance in enabling me to instate a man who has, at the least, the following qualifications:—Love for the Bible and a general knowledge of its contents, love for the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour, love for the souls of men and a desire to win them for Christ, together with a speaking acquaintance with Burmese (essential), Hindustani, and a little English. Tracts, gospels, and other literature, in a number of languages will be on sale. The zayat, with an eight-feet-in-width-door, is provided with tables and benches and book-case. Forty rupees per month (inclusive of all, save travelling expenses to Maymyo) will be paid to a capable man.

A knowledge of Shan and Burmese, would be the most valuable because the surrounding villages are largely Shan villages.

Yours sincerely,
E. Grigg.



Wanted

One copy only of the Reference Committee Minutes for the March meeting of the year 1926. I have a full set from 1921 to the present except this one report. I believe the numbers of votes are R2690 to R26160. I have several spare copies for 1922, 1927, 1928, and a few others if any one wants them.

H. E. Hinton.



"Be wary and keep cool. A cool head is as necessary as a warm heart. In any negotiations, steadiness and coolness are invaluable; while they will often carry you in safety through times of danger and difficulty."

—Lord Avebury.

"Temperance is reason's girdle and passion's bridle."

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